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November 1, 2021

President Joseph Biden  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I am writing to urge you not to reappoint Ron Bloom as the Chairman of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Board of Governors due to his unwavering support of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and his disastrous policies.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, I wrote to Chairman Bloom urging him to take the necessary step of holding a vote of the Board of Governors to remove the Postmaster General from office. In his response, which I've included with this letter, Chairman Bloom makes it clear that he is satisfied with the Postal Service's current policies as well as Postmaster General DeJoy's leadership of USPS. While Chairman Bloom may find the status quo acceptable, my constituents and tens of millions of Americans across our nation do not. On behalf of all those Americans who are unsatisfied with the decline of the Postal Service under Postmaster General DeJoy's leadership, I urge you to replace Chairman Bloom, when his term expires in December, with an individual ready to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's leadership and policies.

As a member of the USPS Board of Governors, Chairman Bloom was responsible for the selection of Postmaster General DeJoy as Postmaster General and enabled his misguided 10-year "Delivering for America" plan. This policy, which Chairman Bloom claimed, "has my fingerprints," lengthened the standard delivery time for approximately 30% of first-class mail and packages.<sup>12</sup> In Chairman Bloom's response to my October 20<sup>th</sup> letter, he noted that the service standard changes were essential to ensure "more reliable service." Unfortunately, the only manner in which the Postal Service has become more "reliable" is to deliver mail reliably late. Despite Postmaster General DeJoy's claims, this massive postal slowdown was not even financially justified. As Postal Regulatory Commissioner Ashley Poling put it, "the plan also fails to provide sufficient evidence to justify exceptionally limited cost savings projections."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Can Democrats Make Peace With Their Favorite Trump-Era Villain?" *The Atlantic*. [4/21/21](#).

<sup>2</sup> "Mail delivery slowdown: USPS to slow delivery starting October 1" *CBS News*. [10/1/21](#).

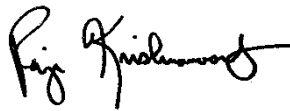
<sup>3</sup> "20 attorneys general sue in ongoing battle over proposed mail slowdown." *Axios*. [10/8/21](#).

At the same time, ethical questions have emerged about both Postmaster General DeJoy and Chairman Bloom. Between October 2020 and April 2021, Postmaster General DeJoy purchased bonds worth up to \$305,000 from Brookfield Asset Management – where Chairman Bloom serves as a senior executive, entwining the two in a potential conflict of interest due to Chairman Bloom’s duty to oversee Postmaster General DeJoy.<sup>4</sup> At the same time, the Postmaster General faces an FBI investigation over campaign finance violations and questions surrounding his conflicts of interests in his conduct of USPS business with at least 14 companies.<sup>5</sup>

Throughout its history, the USPS has been an essential public service and a trusted American institution. Postmaster General DeJoy has threatened that legacy while Chairman Bloom has refused to hold Postmaster General DeJoy accountable for his disastrous policies. It has become clear that the status quo at the USPS is simply not working, and that necessitates not only the removal of Postmaster General DeJoy from his office, but also the replacement of Chairman Bloom on the USPS Board of Governors.

In urging you to not reappoint Chairman Bloom in December, I join a coalition of 77 public interest groups, led by the Save the Post Office Coalition, who have also sent you this request.<sup>6</sup> I sincerely hope that you will use this Board of Governors vacancy this December to appoint a qualified replacement capable of improving the USPS for its customers – the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raja Krishnamoorthi", with a stylized, cursive script.

Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress

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<sup>4</sup> DeJoy bought up to \$305,000 in bonds from USPS board chair’s investment firm. *Washington Post*. [8/31/21](#).

<sup>5</sup> “Louis DeJoy confronts new conflict-of-interest accusations.” *MSNBC*. [10/22/21](#).

<sup>6</sup> “Lawmakers, Stakeholders Push New Strategies to Reverse Mail Slowdowns and Price Hikes.” *Government Executive*. [10/14/21](#).